

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

- a) Specific Purpose of the Regulations and Factual Basis for Determination that Regulations Are Necessary

Section 63-403.1

Specific Purpose:

This section is amended to reflect changes regarding noncitizen eligibility.

Factual Basis:

This section is necessary to conform the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS') Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) to federal law as amended by Public Law (P.L.) 107-171, Section 4401(a), of May 13, 2002. This section states that P.L. 107-171 amends the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 regarding food stamp noncitizen eligibility.

Section 63-405.134

Specific Purpose:

This section is amended to reflect the change in federal law to include qualified disabled noncitizens in federal eligibility regardless of the date of entry into the U.S. This section also includes a change to the required verification for the noncitizen's disability.

Factual Basis:

This section is necessary to conform CDSS' MPP to federal law as amended by P.L. 107-171, Section 4401(a) of May 13, 2002. This section adds federal food stamp eligibility for disabled noncitizens who entered the U.S. after August 22, 1996.

Section 63-409.122

Specific Purpose:

This section is amended to reflect the change in federal law increasing the resource limit for households containing a disabled member from \$2000 to \$3000 effective October 1, 2002. The language of this section is also amended to use the term "elderly" as defined in MPP Section 63-102(e)(1)(A).